

EXHIBIT C

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
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4 In re: NEURONTIN MARKETING,
5 SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS
6 LIABILITY LITIGATION

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8 THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: MDL Docket No. 1629
9 Bulger v. Pfizer, et al. Master File No. 04-10981
10 07-11426-PBS

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12 Smith v. Pfizer, et al.
13 05-CV-11515-PBS
14 Crone v. California State Court

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17 The videotaped deposition of SHEILA WEISS
18 SMITH, PH.D. was held on Monday, December 22, 2008,
19 commencing at 9:17 A.M., at the Law Offices of Goodell,
20 DeVries, Leech & Dann, LLP, 20th Floor Commerce Place,
21 One South Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202,
22 before Ronda J. Thomas, a Notary Public.

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24 Job No.: 183061

25 REPORTED BY: Ronda J. Thomas, RPR, CLR

1 A Not that I recall.

2 Q Safe to say you didn't participate in the
3 development of any materials for such a meeting,
4 correct?

5 A No.

6 Q Okay. Are you qualified to review the
7 FDA's statistical analysis in the advisory committee
8 transcript?

9 A Excuse me?

10 Q Do you believe that you are qualified to
11 have reviewed the FDA statistical review in the
12 advisory committee and render opinions?

13 A Absolutely. That's what I do for the FDA.
14 I often sit on these type of advisory committees. I
15 couldn't sit on this one because I had already been
16 retained on this case.

17 Q Do you believe that you were qualified to
18 do so in January when we took your deposition last?

19 A Excuse me?

20 Q Your qualifications to review this
21 information, is that a new found qualification or is
22 that something that you possessed back in January when
23 we took your deposition last time?

24 A I believe I was qualified in January to sit
25 on the advisory committee and review the materials.

1 Yes. I think I've been qualified for years to do so.

2 Q Were you asked by Pfizer to review those
3 materials within January -- in the January timeframe
4 right after it came out?

5 A I was provided by --

6 MR. BARNES: Answer the question.

7 A By Pfizer? Pfizer didn't -- I didn't
8 directly talk to anyone at Pfizer about this case.
9 Period.

10 Q Were you asked by counsel to review that
11 FDA and render an opinion?

12 A They provided me with the alert and the
13 information.

14 Q Did they ask you to do anything with it?

15 A Just to reread it.

16 Q When the statistical review -- when did you
17 first see the FDA statistical review?

18 A When did I see it? When it was -- after it
19 was made available to the public on their web site.

20 Q So you didn't see it before then?

21 A No, I only saw it when it was made
22 available.

23 Q Do you know if Pfizer had that document
24 before it was made publicly available?

25 A I'm not aware.

1 Q Were you asked to ever review it at that
2 time?

3 MR. BARNES: What time?

4 Q At the time it became publicly available.
5 When we're talking about the FDA statistical review?

6 A Was I asked to look at it? I think I had
7 already looked at it as soon as it became available
8 because I wanted to put the alert in January in
9 context. So I was very interested in what they said.

10 Q When was the first time you were asked to
11 put down on a piece of paper an opinion based upon the
12 FDA alert?

13 MR. BARNES: Objection. We have a
14 stipulation in this case where drafting of expert
15 reports is not the subject of examination. So I'll
16 instruct her not to answer that question.

17 MR. ALTMAN: I'm not asking about the
18 drafting. I'm asking when she was asked to do it.
19 That's not the drafting.

20 MR. BARNES: That's a different question.

21 MR. ALTMAN: I asked when was the first
22 time you were asked to opine upon the FDA alert.

23 MR. BARNES: That's a different question.
24 You may answer that one.

25 A I believe it was in early fall.

1 Q Okay. When was the first time you were
2 asked to render any opinions on the advisory committee
3 meeting and the transcript and the discussions that
4 took place?

5 A I believe it was around the same time.

6 Q Have you ever had any direct discussions
7 with Dr. Robert Gibbons?

8 A No.

9 Q Do you believe that you are -- you're aware
10 that Dr. Gibbons did a pharmacoepidemiologic study of
11 the pharmametrics data, correct?

12 A Yes, I'm aware of it.

13 Q If you had been given that raw data as he
14 was, do you believe you could have done a similar
15 study?

16 A Yes.

17 Q So you pretty much see yourself as kind of
18 colleagues, same general qualifications?

19 A I consider us colleagues. He's a
20 biostatistician and I'm an epidemiologist. We
21 typically work together on teams.

22 Q We talked before about the AIRS G database
23 in this case. Have you ever received similar data from
24 a company in the past? What I mean by that a CD, et
25 cetera, that has their adverse event database or an